



**Fatality #14 – June 19, 2007**  
**Powered Haulage - Nevada - Gold Ore**  
**Newmont Midas Operations - Midas Mine**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On June 19, 2007, a 30 year-old underground blaster, with 4½ years experience, was fatally injured at an underground gold mine. The victim was traveling in a 2 cubic-yard Load-Haul-Dump (LHD) unit along a drift above a backfilled, previously mined stope. The LHD fell through the floor of the drift in a void that had developed in the backfill. The victim was recovered on July 2, 2007.



**Best Practices**

- Supervisors or other designated persons should examine underground haulageways and travelways for changing ground conditions.
- Design and utilize mining methods that will maintain stability and control the ground in places where persons work or travel.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2006, there were 14 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Powered Haulage fatality in 2007. There were 2 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2006.

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